

2. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the containment rail system is coated with a material that is resistant to damage from the spilled substance.

3. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein containment rail system is coated with polyvinylchloride.

6. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the dimensions of the containment rail system is adjustable.

7. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the containment rail system is invertable between a first and second configuration such that in the first configuration, the exterior surfaces of the containment rail system have no protruding structures and in the second configuration, the exterior surfaces of the containment rail system have protruding structures.

8. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 further comprising a protective member that protects the material from the battery.

9. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 8 wherein the protective member is a grid placed between the battery and the material.

12. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 10 wherein when the spill detector detects that a spill has occurred, the spill detector alerts a device.

13. (Amended) The spill containment system of claim 10 wherein the spill detector communicates with a device when the spill detector detects that a spill has occurred such that the device performs an act to remedy the spill.

17. (Amended) A method for containing a hazardous spilled substance from a battery, the method comprising the steps of:

building a containment system by connecting a plurality of containment rails to form an area of containment on a floor, the area of containment being adapted for housing at least one battery, the containment system having walls rising vertically from the floor;

providing an insert within the area of containment of the containment system; the insert being resistant to damage from the spilled substance;

providing a material that is capable of absorbing and chemically neutralizing the spilled substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced; and

placing the material within the area of containment of the containment system.

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23. (Amended) The method for containing a spilled substance of claim 17 wherein the step of placing the material within the area of containment includes the step of placing a protective member between the material and the battery where the protective member protects the material from the battery.

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27. <sup>30</sup> (Amended) The method for containing a spilled substance of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:

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communicating with a device when a spill is detected; and  
remedying the spill.

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29. <sup>32</sup> (New) The method of containing a spilled substance of claim 17 further comprising the step of providing a plurality of containment systems positioned adjacent to one another.

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30. <sup>33</sup> (New) The method of containing a spilled substance of claim 29 further comprising the step of stacking the plurality of containment systems on top of one another.

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31. (New) A spill containment rack comprising a plurality of the spill containment systems of claim 1, the spill containment systems being positioned adjacent to one another.